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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, JA, BG  
SUBJECT: RAHMAN VISIT TO JAPAN, APRIL 5-9

1. SUMMARY: MOFA SOUTH WEST ASIA DEPDIR TOLD EMBOFFS  
APRIL 12 THAT PRESIDENT ZIAUR RAHMAN'S APRIL 5-9 VISIT TO  
JAPAN WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL. JAPANESE AGREED TO PROVIDE  
BANGLADESH WITH CONCESSIONAL PROJECT LOANS UP TO TEN  
BILLION YEN. END SUMMARY

2. MAIN EVENT OF BANGLADESH PRESIDENT ZIAUR RAHMAN'S  
APRIL 5-9 VISIT TO JAPAN WAS APRIL 8 JOINT-COMMUNIQUE  
ANNOUNCEMENT THAT JAPAN HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE BANGLADESH  
WITH CONCESSIONAL PROJECT LOANS UP TO TEN BILLION YEN.  
FINANCING WOULD GO TO SEVERAL OF TEN PROJECTS INCLUDED IN  
BANGLADESH SHOPPING LIST, PROVIDED THAT FEASIBILITY  
STUDIES WERE SUCCESSFUL AND THAT RELATED MATTERS SUCH AS  
AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL CURRENCY WHEN REQUIRED FOR LOCAL  
COST FINANCING PRESENTED NO PROBLEMS. LIST INCLUDES  
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PROJECTS FOR NATURAL GAS EXPLOITATION, BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION,  
POWER-TRANSMISSION-LINE CONSTRUCTION, AND, AMONG OTHER  
INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS, MODERNIZATION OF CHITTAGONG STEEL  
MILLS. TERMS OF LOANS, INCLUDING DEGREE TO WHICH LOANS  
WILL BE TIED, HAVE NOT BEEN DECIDED.

3. FOREIGN MINISTRY ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU OFFICIALS

APRIL 13 EXPRESSED HOPE THAT NEGOTIATIONS COULD BE COMPLETED AND SCHEDULED TERMS ANNOUNCED AT JUNE MEETING OF WORLD BANK AID GROUP FOR BANGLADESH, TOGETHER WITH PLEDGE FIGURES FOR JAPAN'S COMMODITY LOANS AND GRANTS TO BANGLADESH. HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO FINAL DECISION ON INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS, JAPANESE PLAN FIRST TO SEND OUT SURVEY TEAM, THEN, DEPENDING ON ITS FINDINGS, TO DISPATCH GROUP TO MAKE FEASIBILITY STUDY. THEY WILL REVIEW STUDY BEFORE FINALLY COMMITTING FUNDS, PROCEDURE WHICH PROBABLY WILL DELAY DECISIONS ON INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS AFTER AID GROUP MEETING. ECONOMIC COOPERATION BUREAU OFFICER SAID GOJ AIM WAS TO REACH FIRST DEFINITE PROJECT DECISION BEFORE MARCH 31, 1979.

4. ON POLITICAL MATTERS, BOTH SIDES REAFFIRMED THEIR RESPECTIVE CANDIDACIES FOR THE "ASIAN" NON-PERMANENT UN SECURITY COUNCIL SEAT. (GOJ HAD HOPED PRIOR TO RAHMAN VISIT THAT BANGLADESH WOULD STEP ASIDE.) ON DISARMAMENT MATTERS, BANGLADESH AGREED TO SUPPORT JAPAN'S POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AT SSOD. THERE WAS AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO HOLD HIGH LEVEL CONSULTATIONS IN FUTURE IN ORDER FURTHER TO PROMOTE BILATERAL TIES, BUT NOTHING WAS SAID ABOUT TIMING.  
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